



Elizabeth P. Keys, Ph.d

November 3, 1941 - June 21, 2024

Elizabeth P. Keys passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024, after a long illness. Elizabeth, known to most as "Betty" or "Aunt Betty" was 82 years old, or as she recently said, "I'm in the prime of my life". She was born the daughter of Ignatus and Rose [Kaminiski] Keys. She attended the Buffalo State College earning her bachelor's degree in education and the University at Buffalo earning her Ph.D. in Statistics. She taught at the college level at Buffalo State College and Erie Community College. She earned the respect of her students as being fair, showing examples of hard work and the power of education and also the respect from her colleagues as being dedicated and committed to her students. She often held tutoring seminars to better advance her students. She loved being a professor, sharing stories with her classes, mentoring and watching her "brood" flourish. She was an avid reader, philosopher, gardener and enjoyed playing the piano. Although she was known for her quick wit, dry sense of humor and being a bit of a practical joker, She was an extremely down to earth person and her students noted how approachable she always was. One student told the story that he and his classmates almost fell off the bar stool when Professor Keys walked in and bought them a beer. Of course, they had to talk education and soon the pub became the classroom. Aunt Betty is survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. She is predeceased by her parents, her sister Helen [the late Robert] Leonard and her brothers Robert [survived by Donna] Keys, the late Henry [the late Eileen] Keys and the late George [the late Shirley]

Keys. Ver dear to her was her dogs, Chester, Roxy, Lola, Tinker. She was a lover and supported for all animals. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the SPCA 300 Harlem Road West Seneca New York 14224 or the Buffalo Animal Shelter 380 Oak Street Buffalo New York 14203. There will be no prior visitation or services. The family will gather for a private entombment and service. Family and friends are invited to share a favorite memory of "Aunt Betty", leave a message of condolence and light a candle on her tribute page at www.kevinmasonfuneralhome.com Final arrangements have been entrusted to the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home 154 Weimar Street Buffalo New York 14206 [716] 362-0199 Fax: [716] 462-5355 email: kevinmason@yhoo.com.

Cemetery Details

Elmlawn Memorial Park

3939 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14217

Tribute Wall

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“ To all of "Aunt Betty's" family we extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. she was a beautiful person and always had a smile and a story to tell. You knew instantly when she began her story with "let me tell you", you were about to be entertained. her legacy of compassion and her love of teaching as well as her devotion to all animals will live on. Rest in Peace Aunt Betty. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kevin M.Mason

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